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**REQUEST FORM AND FORMALITIES PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FOR  
FILING A PATENT APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)**

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This is a request for filing a [ X ] continuation or [ ] divisional application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) of prior application Serial No. 09/129,879 filed on August 6, 1998, entitled **MULTI-LEVEL SECURITY NETWORK SYSTEM** by the following inventor(s).

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[ ] additional sheet(s) with inventors information attached

1. [ X ] A Second Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
2. [ ] Cancel claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ for purposes of lessening filing fees.

The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended by 1 and/or 2 above.

CLAIMS

|                               |              |              |           |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|
| Basic Fee                     |              | \$355        | \$710     |
| Total Claims                  | 46 - 20 = 26 | x 09 = \$234 | x 18 = \$ |
| Ind. Claims                   | 09 - 03 = 06 | x 40 = \$240 | x 80 = \$ |
| [ ] Multiple Dependent Claims |              | +135 = \$    | +270 = \$ |
|                               | Total        | \$829        | Total \$  |

3.  The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1358. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

4.  This application is filed under Rule 53(f) and therefore the  Filing Fee  Declaration is not enclosed. All authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 06-1358 for 35 C.F.R. 1.16 fees previously made is revoked.

5.  A check in the amount of \$829.00 is enclosed.

6.  Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

~~This is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/129,879 filed August 6, 1998.~~

7.  A verified statement claiming small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27:

a)  was claimed by way of a declaration filed in prior application Serial No. 09/129,879.

b)  is claimed by way of the attached declaration.

8.  Priority of application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.

a)  Certified copy is on file in prior application, Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_.

b)  Certified copy filed herewith.

9.  The prior application is assigned of record to Cryptek Secure Communications, LLC.

10.  The Power of Attorney in the prior application is to at least one of the following:  
John Clarke Holman, 22,769; Harvey B. Jacobson, Jr., 20,851; Marvin R. Stern, 20,640; Michael R. Slobasky, 26,421; Jonathan L. Scherer, 29,851; Irwin M. Aisenberg, 19,007; and William E. Player, 31,409.

a)  The power appears in the original papers of the prior application.

b)  Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.

11.  Petition to extend the life of the above prior application to at least the date hereof  
(One box)  is being concurrently filed in  
NOTE: (must be) that prior application.  
(X'd)  was previously filed in that application.  
[X] is not necessary.

If a Petition for Extension of Time is necessary and the Petition and/or the check is not enclosed, this will act as the Petition and applicant herewith petitions the Commissioner to extend the time for response and charge any fees necessary under 37 CFR 1.17 (a)(1)-(5) to Deposit Account No. 06-1358.

12.  New formal drawings are enclosed.
13.  Enclosed is a copy, less the documents, of the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) and PTO 1449 which was filed in Serial No. 09/129,879, filed August 6, 1998 which is relied on for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. 120.
14.  Enclosed are copies of the PTO 892s, less the documents which issued in Serial No. 09/129,879, filed August 6, 1998 which are relied on for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. 120.
15.  Also enclosed is:

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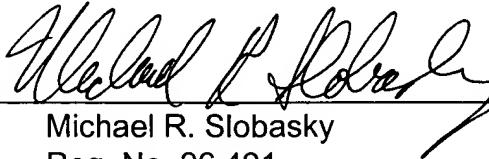
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Enclosed is a copy of the prior application including the Declaration as originally filed, application, namely Serial No. 09/129,879 filed August 6, 1998. The entire disclosure of the prior application is hereby incorporated by reference.

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